

 *Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church*
WORSHIP • SERVE • GROW

April 26, 2026

Vision Statement

Be Christ's Hands, Feet, and Voice on Earth

Mission Statement

We are a Christ-centered community.
In joyful response to Christ's love, we worship God, nurture
disciples, accept all as God's children,
and reach out in love and service to further the Kingdom of God.

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The Rev. Curtis L. Paul II, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Travis A. Webster, Associate Pastor

VISITOR SIGN IN



THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS

April 26, 2026

11:00 am - Service is Live-streamed

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE	The Morning Trumpet	Martin
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Paul
THE INTROIT	Come Before Him	Tunney

CALL TO WORSHIP Henry Bollinger

Leader: We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us,
and so we find peace and give thanks.

People: The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

Leader: Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through
grief and joy, we have never been alone. We rest in that truth.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our
lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*OPENING HYMN # 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Henry Bollinger

**God our Shepherd, you are our safe place, our shelter, our ground, our
breath. We turn to you in hope and trust, knowing we have come this
far by faith, and you will guide us all the way. Mold our daily patterns
for your purposes so that we may live as one heart and mind
with you and our neighbors, rejoicing together and praising your holy
name, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

(Let us take a moment for our silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Henry Bollinger

*GLORY TO GOD #582 **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose
love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

#188 (vs 1) Jesus Loves Me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:16; 22-25

Henry Bollinger

ANTHEM

As Jesus Gave, So May I Give

arr. Shackley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 & Romans 8:26-27

Rev. Paul

SERMON

Joy Flows from Christ's Spirit

Rev. Paul

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SERMON HYMN

443 There Is a Redeemer

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Joshua Kenst

(Please mention first names only)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

OFFERING OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Please continue to give to NPC by check or by texting "Newlonsburg" to 73256. Please visit www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give to give online or email giving@newlonsburgchurch.org with any questions.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Aubade

Portman

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Henry Bollinger

CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Paul

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*CLOSING RESPONSE

May the light of God shine on us today (repeat)
May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray
May the light of God shine on us today and everyday

POSTLUDE

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Kolodziej

SERMON NOTES:

1. Joy is learning and practicing the Way of Christ.
2. Christ's Spirit creates a new kind of community across differences.
3. Joy becomes visible in how we speak, listen, and love.
4. The early church lived with courage and joy in a complex, divided world.
5. Where do I need to invite the Spirit to reshape my reactions?
6. How can I embody joy in conversations that usually create tension?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR ACOLYTE: Quinn Mihleder

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to welcome our newest members Karen Conklin, Joe Conklin, Beth Troyan, Drew Troyan, Heather Staab, Ian Staab, and William Soule.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY - IT SUBCOMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY: The Communications Ministry is excited to announce the formation of a new IT Subcommittee! This team will support the church in all areas of technology, including networks, computer hardware and software, and internet-related needs. If you have experience or interest in IT and are looking for a meaningful way to serve Christ and support our church community, we invite you to consider joining this important ministry. Your skills can make a real difference in helping our church stay connected and effective in its mission. For more information or to get involved, please contact Angel Stahl at angelstahlnpc@gmail.com or Pastor Curtis.

TRIPOD & VOLUNTEER NEEDED: The Good News Cruise needs a tripod for an iPhone and a volunteer to stand behind it so that we can stream the worship service on May 3rd from fellowship hall.

THE KITTIES ARE AHEAD OF THE DOGS: Loaves and Fishes is out of cat food. Please donate cat and dog food, our clients really appreciate the care of their pets.

PAPER TOWEL DONATIONS NEEDED: Time to support the WESTMORELAND FOOD BANK at MOS by donating paper towels. Each June we supply paper towels to the monthly distribution of county food given on the first Tuesday at MOS. Please bring them to church any time this month or in May. They are currently serving 245 families. We work together to help local families in need. NPC OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

DAILY DOSE: Welcome to your Daily Dose of spiritual friendship. Each day in the Realm App or in your email box (whatever your preference) you will receive daily encouraging, challenging voices of Christianity to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ and Christ's Church. From 4/13-4/26, everyone will be opted-in to get a taste. From 4/27 onward, you will need to go to the App or Realm Connect to opt-in yourself or email office@newlonsburgchurch.org to be added to the Daily Dose messages.

SHOW SUPPORT FOR HAITIAN REFUGEES: There are multiple ways we can demonstrate our support for our Haitian friends in Charleroi. One of the ways is to contact our elected officials to institute systemic change in our country's current approach. If you are interested in this, please refer to the Matthew 25 page on the NPC website or use this link

<https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/matthew-25-at-newlonsburg>

END OF SCHOOL LOCK-IN: NPC is happy to host its end of School Lock-in for students in grades 6-8. This will be an evening with fun, fellowship, worship, service and a bonfire. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Participants can be dropped off at the ARC on Friday, May 15th at 6PM, and picked up at the office entrance on Saturday, May, 16th. The cost for the event is \$12. Please register and submit the required forms on Realm by Sunday, May 3rd. Contact Joshua Kenst with further questions.

Sign up link:

<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Registrations/Info/2c190178-6b6a-47b5-8671-b3f5015acd29>

KIDS CST (CRAFT AND STORY TIME) WEDNESDAYS JUNE 10TH - AUGUST 12TH, 10 AM - 11 AM: Join Pastor Lori on Wednesday mornings to hear a story and make a corresponding simple craft! Perfect for our littlest ones and their caregivers!

NEWLONSBURG MUSIC ACADEMY JAZZ CAMP - Newlonsburg Music Academy will be hosting our inaugural Jazz Camp from June 15th -19th here at NPC. Open to all students grades 7-12, and led by guest instructor Pierce Cook, Pittsburgh

bassist and conductor for the Three Rivers Youth Orchestra Symphonette.
Details and registration here: <https://www.newlonsburgmusic.com/jazz-camp>.

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE VBS JULY 20TH - 23RD, 6PM - 8PM:

Registration is open! Gear up for our VBS with frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, we will learn to draw strength through powerful Biblical stories of courage and hope. Join us as we visit the winter Olympic games and embrace the truth that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV). For Kids Age 3 through 5th Grade (Must be able to use the bathroom independently)



<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmlxZWY5MmMtZjE4Ni00YWNILWFIOWYtYjQyZTAxMWZINWQz>

Confirmation students, please plan to attend the confirmation dinner on Tuesday, May 19 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. You will be meeting with current NPC elders to enjoy some good food and fellowship. Please email Barbara Rissler (barbararissler@gmail.com) regarding any food allergies.

Thank you to the following Hospitality team for hosting this event –

Team 3 Hospitality chairs: Barb Rissler and Debi Robertson and Team members: Bill Rissler, Gary Robertson, Laurie Bailey, Tim & Lindsey Berk, Alice Cass, Megan Duckworth, Ron & Diane Fitzgerald, Jillian Fu, Rob & Amy Hieber, Janet Ingersoll, Bob & Abby Kemerer, Ray Laughlin, Jennifer March, Bob Markley, Jr., Lori Novak, Lou Peglow, David & Paige Perry, Gary Robertson, Jr., Jason & Kim Scheible, John & Susan Shaginow, Angel Stahl, and Joe & Kelly Thomas.

Wear your RED for the Pentecost Picnic on Sunday, May 24th in Fellowship Hall immediately following the combined 10am service. Invite family and friends to celebrate the birthday of Christ's Church. The main course will be catered and we welcome members to bring a pasta salad/potato salad, fruit/fruit salad, vegetable salad, or dessert. Please sign up in the Narthex, online at our website events page or via the Realm-app. Please include what dish you will be bringing when you sign up. All are welcome. Please contact Linda Palmer with any transportation needs lindaepalmer@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance to the following hospitality chair members and team members for hosting the event:

Team 2 Hospitality chairs: Marcia Smith and Julie Gebrosky

Team members: Alex Gebrosky, Rich Smith, Kenneth & Tara Bird, Bill & Linda Blank, James & Erin Carlisle, John & Nancy Daller, Sean & Nichole Daller, Alice Douth, Kathy Groll, Eric & Christine Hanchey, Bruce Hanington, Lauren Jessup, Don and Barb Jewell-Green, Karen Kase, Mindy Markovich, Kim Mlckevics, Gail O'Toole, Alan & Kristen Petrazzi, JoAnn Rosenberger, Sherry Shadrach, Curtis & Sharon Southlea, Alan & Terri Thornburg and Janice Troup.

Team 10 Hospitality chairs: Stephanie Makosey, Christel Thompson and Hope Paul

Team members: Jay Thompson, Lauren Bailey, Jim & Janis Baker, James & Lori Bollibon, Nicholas Caruso, Matt & Stephanie Edwards, Ed & Laurie Lach, Alice LaPaglia, Gary & Kim Merge, Jack & Pamela Metcalfe, Chad & Stephanie Mihleder, Richard & Melanie Miller, Donna Miller, Keith and Robin Pokrzywinski, Jerry Selia, Mark & Debbie Sherer, Jim & Jaime Slone and Bill & Sharon Stewart.

Come join us for Corndogs and Cornhole Sunday June 14th, 2026. A great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a snack and refreshment following church. Please join us on the back patio after the 10:00am service on June 14th for the new Corndogs and Cornhole event. We are asking for a goodwill offering of \$1 per corn dog (pay via the Realm-app or on the day of the event). BYOLC-bring your own lawn chair.

Thank you to the following Hospitality team for hosting the event –

Team 7 Hospitality Chairs: Susie Siegel and Susan Hois and Team members: Phil Hois, Stan & Sue Billings, Emily Bondi, Mindy Bramer, Abby Hostetler, Alma Johnson, Benjamin Kuntz, Rob Jessup, Gina LaPaglia, Kiersten Maryott, Dave & Calley Nero, Lois Nesbitt, Dale & Ginny Rygg, Ryan & Lauren Sloan, Alex & Amy Smith, Larry & Tammy Stoken, Emily Stoken, Janet Sturgil, Andrea Vernon, Nikki Weir and Jeff & Valery Wilson.

RIVERHOUNDS GAME: NPC family and friends will gather at Highmark Stadium as the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC take on the Sacramento Republic FC at 7:00pm

on Saturday, August 8, 2026. Tickets are \$31/person. We will be purchasing group tickets, so if you are interested, please contact Lindsay Lippman (tlpitt25@comcast.net), sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or via the Realm-app no later than July 1, 2026.

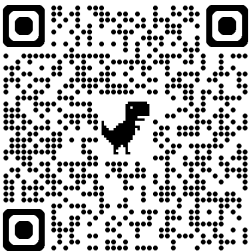
HAITI CHILD SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Outreach Ministry is seeking one or two volunteers to help coordinate NPC’s Haiti Child Sponsorship Program, which supports nearly 100 students through the New Testament Mission in LaCroix, Haiti. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys organizing information, working with simple data tools, and helping others stay connected to this meaningful mission.

Key responsibilities include:

- Maintaining lists of sponsored children and sponsors in Excel
- Updating child–sponsor assignments
- Generating periodic reports for Outreach and the congregation
- Coordinating data with NPC’s member database
- Requesting and distributing student photos and profiles
- Soliciting sponsors for new unsponsored children
- Helping promote sponsorship opportunities as needed

This role can be shared—and is perfect for couples, friends, or a parent/teen team—and requires approximately *10 hours per month* (although some months may require fewer or more hours.) Interested? Contact Sue and Stan Billings, or Kathie Lukitsch with any questions or Susan Keaney to volunteer. *Bondye beniw (God bless you in Creole!) for supporting this life-changing ministry.*

MISSION TRIP WITH GOOD WORKS: Hello everyone! Please scan the QR Code to access a google survey with the slide show and additional information about the mission trip opportunity with Good Works in Athens, OH. When you have looked over the information, please take a moment to respond to the survey. Thank you!



"O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER" Psalm 136: Thankful Thoughts. Please consider sharing one or many (there is no limit) of your favorite things (big or small, specific or general) about Newlonsburg (from chocolate sprinkle donuts during the early service to the Cantata). Where have you seen and felt God's presence? You can sign your name or submit anonymously (these will be shared in a section of the website and a physical display at NPC. What about NPC makes you feel blessed? Your "thankful thoughts" can be returned with your stewardship commitment card or dropped in a box in the Narthex.

EMERGENCY MEALS AVAILABLE: If you or someone in our church family is facing a short-term challenge that makes it hard to prepare meals, we'd love to help. Emergency meals are available for anyone in need. Please reach out to Pastor Travis, Pastor Curtis, or Carol Byers (412-841-5508) to let us know how we can support you.

HOW CAN I MAKE MY PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTION? Your per capita contribution can be made in the same manner as other contributions: checks made out to NPC with the designation for the 2026 per capita and/or **through online giving** (<https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/give/percapita>) are perhaps the easiest way for you to pay your commitment. You can also use the blue envelope contained in your giving envelope bundle.

LEGACY GIVING: Endowment Funds: NPC has two endowments. You can donate directly to one of these funds or name one of the funds to your list of beneficiaries in your estate planning documents. Please contact the Endowment Committee with any questions.

WAYS TO GIVE TO NPC: In addition to cash, checks, and online, there are a variety of ways that you can financially support the mission and ministry of NPC. Please visit <https://www.newlonsburgchurch.org/give> to explore ways to contribute. For more information, please contact giving@newlonsburgchurch.org, and thank you for your generosity.

A FRIENDLY NOTE REGARDING DONATIONS: For any donations that are being sent in through your financial institutions, please instruct them to put YOUR name somewhere on the donation paperwork. Many checks have been sent without that information and in that case we do not know who to give the credit to. Thanks as always for your financial support.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Thank you to all those who give in gratitude for what God has given to us. As of the end of March 2026:

	Common Good	Special Gifts
Giving for Month	\$45,414	\$6,352
Year to Date Giving	\$182,534	\$22,320
Year to Date Spending Budget	175,867	
Year to Date Spending Actual	\$177,660	\$35,245

Common Good giving includes offerings, short-term investment interest and facility usage fees. Special gifts are Reserve Account gifts such as Haiti Kids support, Hunger Offerings, Youth Fund-Raising, Legacy Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, and others.

JOIN REALM: NPC continues to roll out Realm as a new church management system. This system provides better donation tracking and accounting programs while giving NPC expanded management capabilities and resources for events, volunteer scheduling, small groups, etc., (and it is a cost savings to NPC!) **Realm Logins :** Everyone should have received an email invitation from Realm to join Realm. You can use the link in the email to sign into the system and create a password. This will give you access to your profile's basic information and your giving information. If you did not receive an email (perhaps it went to spam, your email wasn't in the church system, etc.), you can request a Realm login <https://onrealm.org/NewlonsburgPres/Account/Start>

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all articles for the bulletin to the church office no later than Wednesday at noon.

PINE SPRINGS

CAMP

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING!



WHEN: MAY 3RD, 2026

TIME: 3:00 PM

**WHERE: MURRYSVILLE COMMUNITY
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GOOD NEWS CRUISE

KID LED MUSICAL WORSHIP

AT THE 8:30 & 11:00

SERVICES

MAY 3 2026

CELEBRATE THE ABUNDANT LIFE ONLY
FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.



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THIS WEEK AT NPC

Sunday April 26	8:30 AM	Worship – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
Monday April 27	12:15 - 1:15 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
	2 – 9:30 PM	208 - Sanctuary
	3:30 PM- 8:00 PM	Music Academy- Room 101
	4:00 PM- 6:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 102/103
	4:30 – 7:30 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 202/203
	5:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Room 201
	7:30 PM- 8:30 PM	Music Academy- Sanctuary
Tuesday April 28	6:30 – 8:30 PM	Boy Scouts – Rooms 104, 106, ARC
	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast – Dicks Diner
	11:00 AM	Leadership Programming
	1:00 - 3:00	Crochet Group - Gathering Place
	1:15 PM	Leadership Meeting – Offsite
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	3:00 - 4:45 PM	RAM - Arc
	2:30 PM- 3:30 PM	Music Academy- 208
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101, 102, 103, 201, Nursery
	3:30 PM- 7:30 PM	Music Academy- 202/203
Wednesday April 29	8:30 AM	Women’s Breakfast
	3:00 PM	Music Academy – Rooms 101- 103, 201, 208, Nursery
	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Music Academy
Thursday April 30	3:00 - 4:45 PM	Ram - Arc
	5:30 - 6:15 PM	Beginning Bells - Choir Room
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
	6:15 - 7:15 PM	Bell Choir - Choir Room
	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Choir Practice - Choir Room
	4:00 - 5:30 PM	Music Academy - 101/102
Friday May 1		
Saturday May 2	8:30- 9:30 AM	Newlonsburg Music Academy – 205
	9:45 - 11:45AM	OA - Gathering Place
	11-1:00 PM	AA – Common Ground
Sunday May 3	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Musical Practice - Fellowship Hall
	8:30 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship - Fellowship Hall

NEWLONSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Travis A. Webster, Associate Pastor

Matt Klumpp, Music Director & Organist

Bettie Jarosz, Choir & Bell Director

The Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Director of Children and Family Ministries

Joshua Kenst, Youth Director

Jennifer Wagner, Office Manager

Rachel Oates, Interim Office Manager

Leanne Salava, Treasurer

BOARD OF DEACONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Natalie Bollinger, Childcare, '27

Emily Bondi, Ushers, '26

Debbie Carlson, Baptism Books and Newborn Roses/Affirmation Liaison, '26

Lynn Comstock, Correspondence Cards, '28

Tyler Hanchey, Coffee and Doughnuts, '26

Matthew Hand, Moderator/Liaison to Nominating Committee, '26

Bruce Hanington, Counters/Vice Moderator, '27

Abby Kemerer, Greeters, '28

Alyssa Kemerer, Deacon-Elect, Greeters, '28

Elizabeth Montgomery, Deacon-Elect, Childcare, '27

Lori Novak, Secretary, '27

Linda Palmer, HOPE Coordinator, '28

Doug Riethmuller, Flowers/COM Liaison, '28

ELDERS OF SESSION BY MINISTRY

Affirmation

Amanda Neely, Chair '26

Janice Rehwald, '26

Care of Members

Lindsay Lippman, Chair, '26

Kelley Hand, '28

Equipping

Kevin Tomer, Chair, '28

Julie Gebrosky, '27

Finance

Susan Long, Chair, '28

Lindsey Berk, '27

Human Resources

Jan Hill, Chair, '26

Debbie Andrachek, '28

New Member Evangelism

Kate Montgomery, Chair, '27

Rachel Oates, '28

Outreach

Susan Keaney, Chair, '26

Heather Rusiewicz, '28

Property

Robin Pokrzywinski, Chair, '27

Michael Rhoades, '26

Communications

Angel Stahl, Chair, '27

Clerk of Session

Susan Keaney